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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1394  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS: SOPN, BE  
SUBJ: ANTHRACITE FINES IMPORTED INTO WESTERN EUROPE

REF: 1976 A-3427 FROM SECSTATE

CONGEN ASCERTAINED GIAN IMPORTER OF RUSSIAN ANTHRACITE  
COAL FINES IS ETABLISSEMENTEN ANTOINE VLOEBERGHS,  
ITALIELEI 92-94, 2000 ANTWERP (CONTACT MR. LODEWIJCKX).

VLOEBERGHS A MAJOR COAL IMPORTER IN ANTWERP IS CONTROLLED BY  
BELGIAN BUNKERING CO.,A FIRM WHICH HAS A MINOR PARTICIPATION  
IN NAFTA-B, A CORPORATION QUASI OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
USSR AND A LARGE IMPORTER OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA.

IT WAS FURTHER ASCERTAINED THAT THE SHIPMENT IN QUESTION IS A  
TRIAL SHIPMENT OF RELATIVE SMALL QUANTITY. BTU RANGE IS SAID  
TO BE LOWER THAN THE ONE QUOTED IN REF AIRGRAM (14,300-15,300)  
WHILE THE ASH RANGE IS SAID TO BE HIGHER THAN THE QUOTED 7-8  
PERCENT. THE PRICE PER TON DELIVERED AT ANTWERP IS SAID TO BE  
CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE QUOTED 30 DOLLAR.

THE INDIAN ANTHRACITE COAL FINES ARE BEING IMPORTED BY BELGIAN  
BRITISH COAL CO (BELBRICO) , GROENPLAATS 2000 ANTWERP (CONTACT  
MR. MERWEDE, MANAGING DIRECTOR), ANOTHER MAJOR COAL IMPORTER  
IN ANTWERP.

AGAIN IT CONCERNS A TRIAL SHIPMENT WHICH MIGHT BE UNLOADED AT  
GHENT RATHER THAN AT ANTWERP.NO EXACT INFORMATION COULD BE  
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OBTAINED REGARDING PRICES OR QUALITY.BOTH COMPANIES ARE SUPPLIERS

TO ENERGY PRODUCERS IN WESTERN EUROPE.

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